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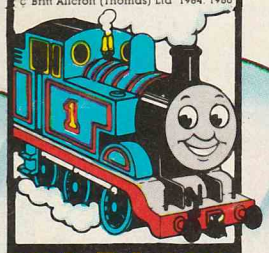

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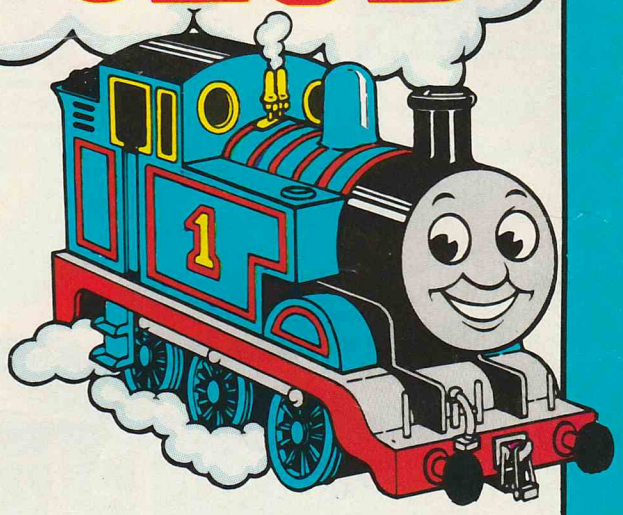

Peep! Peep! In our last issue the big engines were cross because they thought they were being treated badly, and now they have gone on strike! Find out what happens by reading the story which begins on the next page.

And we welcome Percy the Small Engine to the yard! Peep! Peep!

FACT FILE

Edward the Blue Engine

The most important thing about Edward is that he is kind. He is kind to small engines who get into difficulties, kind to big engines when they're rude or impatient, kind to trucks and coaches which he never bumps. When the other engines misbehave the Fat Controller always turns to Edward to calm everyone down. Edward sometimes gets puffed, but never very cross.

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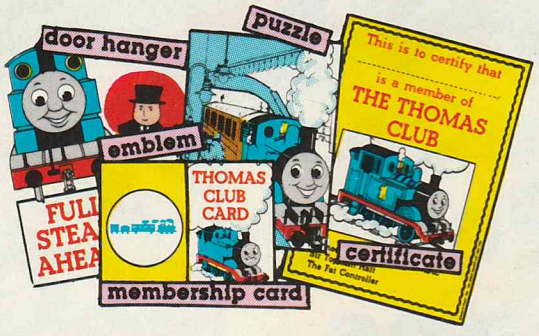

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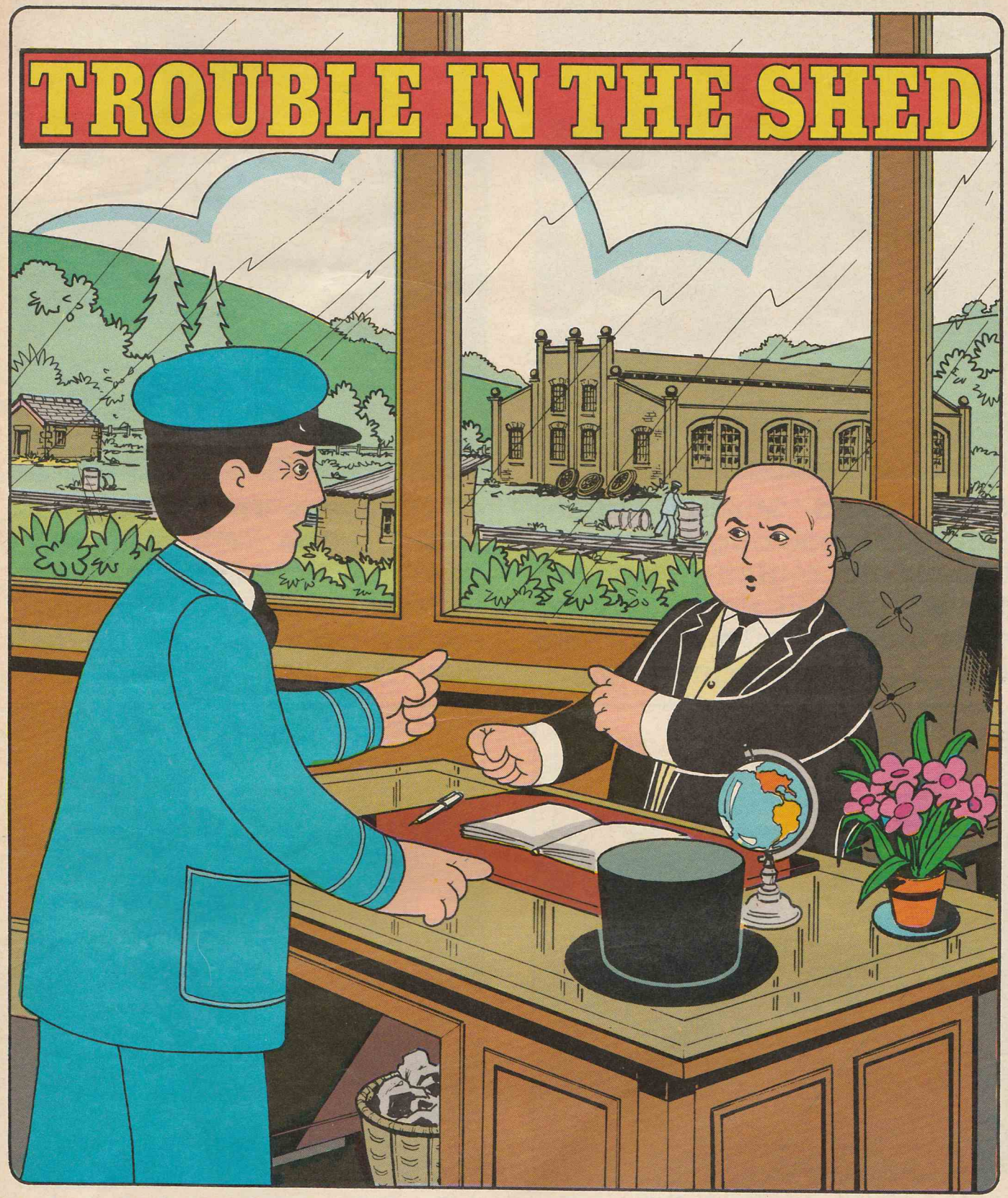
A listen and look story!

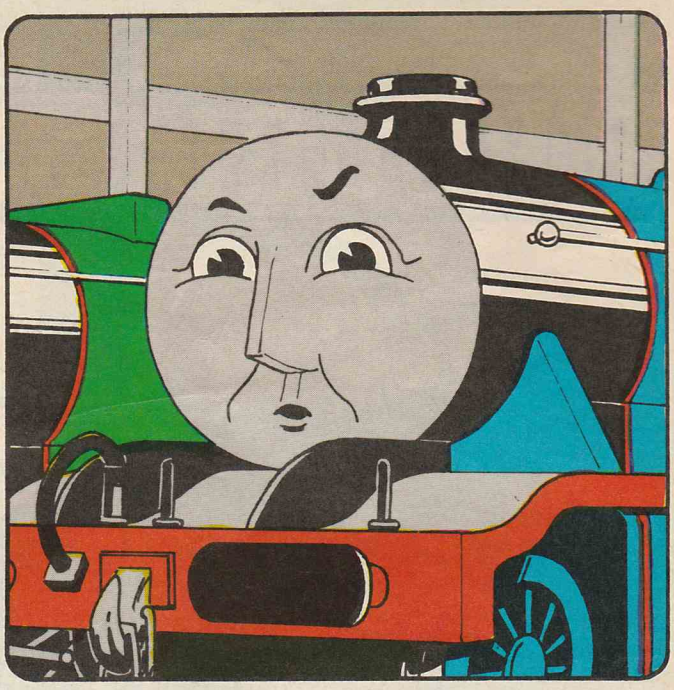
TROUBLE IN THE SHED



1. The Fat Controller sat in his office listening to the noise outside. "There's trouble in the shed, sir," said the Station Master. "Henry is sulking."

2. "There's no train and the passengers are saying this is a bad railway." "Indeed," said the Fat Controller. "We cannot allow that!" He went out to the shed.

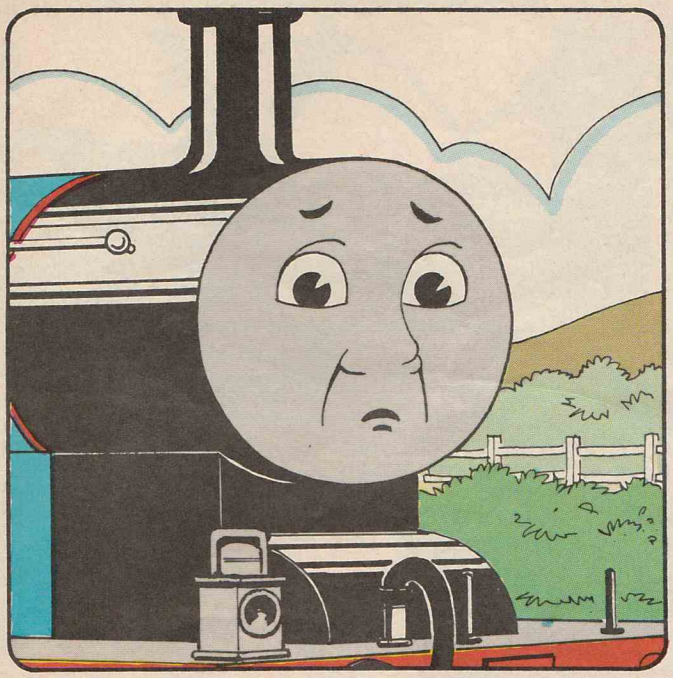
3. He found Gordon, James and Henry looking very cross. "Come along, Henry," he said. But Gordon said that they were **not** going to shunt like common tank engines.



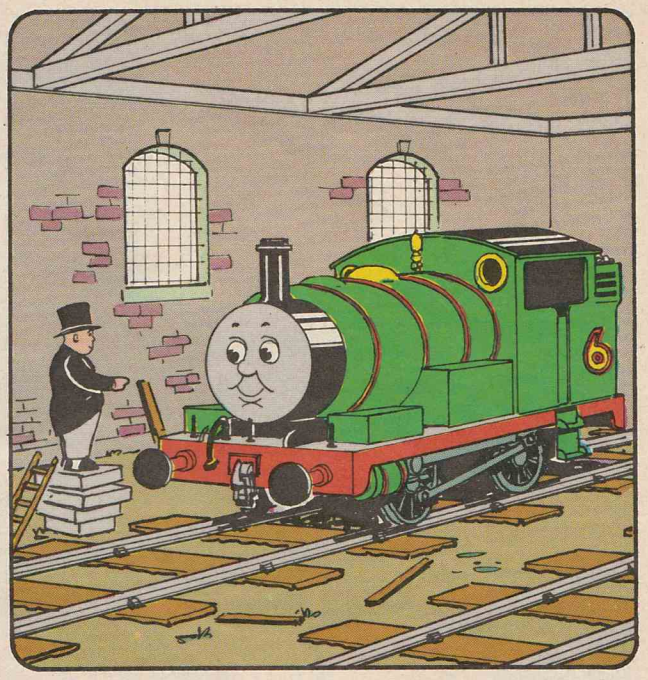
4. "That was Thomas's job," said Gordon. "Oh, indeed," said the Fat Controller. "We will see about that. Engines on my railway must do as they are told."

5. He went to find Edward. "Please leave those trucks, Edward," he said. "I want you to push coaches." "Thank you, sir, I'd be glad to," said Edward.

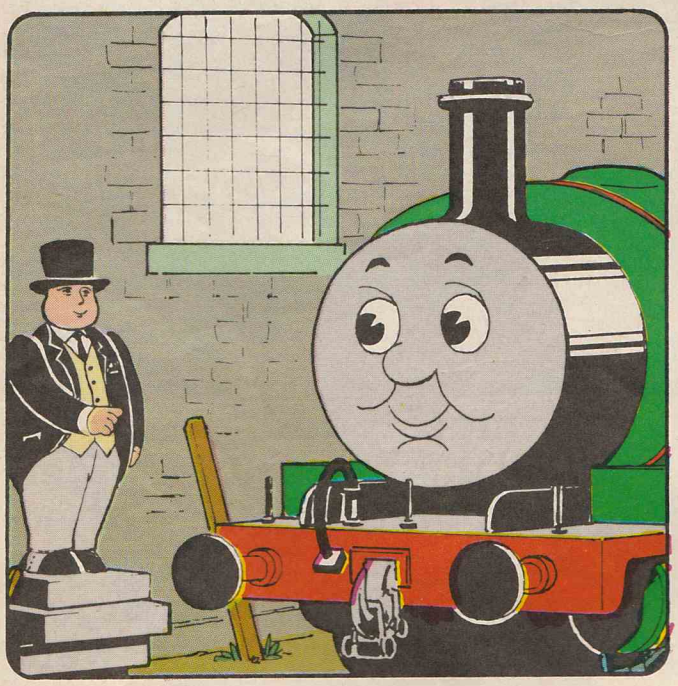
6. So Edward found coaches for the three engines, and that day the trains ran as usual. But the next morning Edward was unhappy. Gordon clanked by, hissing rudely.



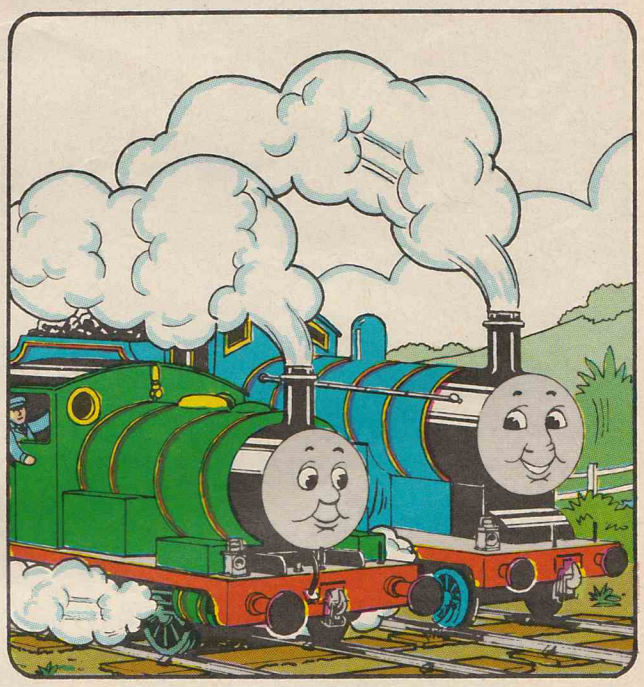
7. "They all hiss me," said Edward. "They say tender engines don't shunt." "Well, I'm proud of you," said the Fat Controller. "But, we do need another tank engine."



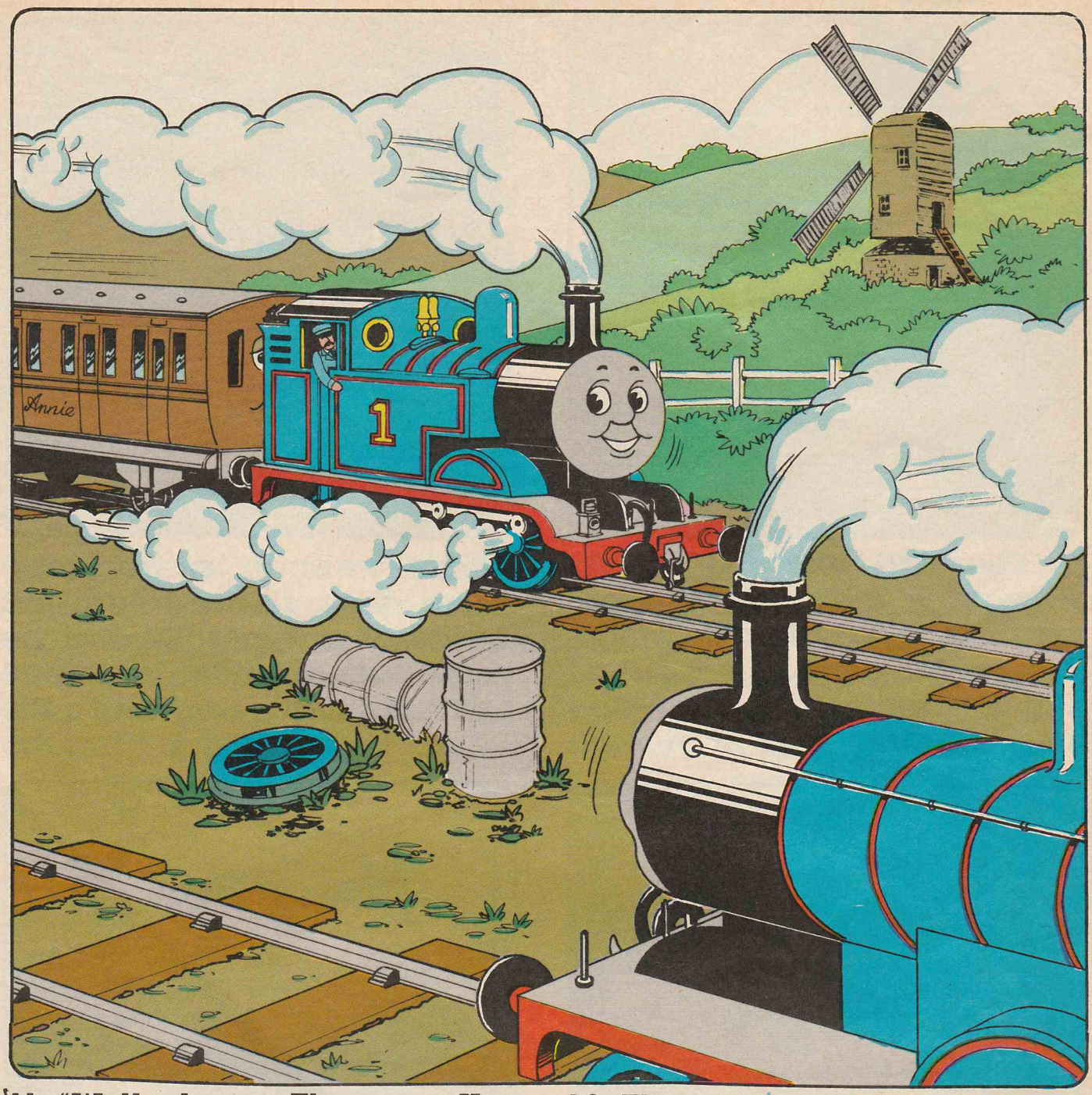
8. He went to a workshop and they showed him all sorts of engines. At last he saw a smart little green one with four wheels. "That's the one," he thought to himself.



9. "If I choose you, will you work hard?" he asked. "Oh, yes, sir," replied the little green engine. "That's a good engine," said the Fat Controller. "I'll call you Percy."



10. "Edward," said the Fat Controller. "Here's Percy. Will you show him what to do?" Percy soon learned and they had a happy afternoon. Next morning Thomas arrived.



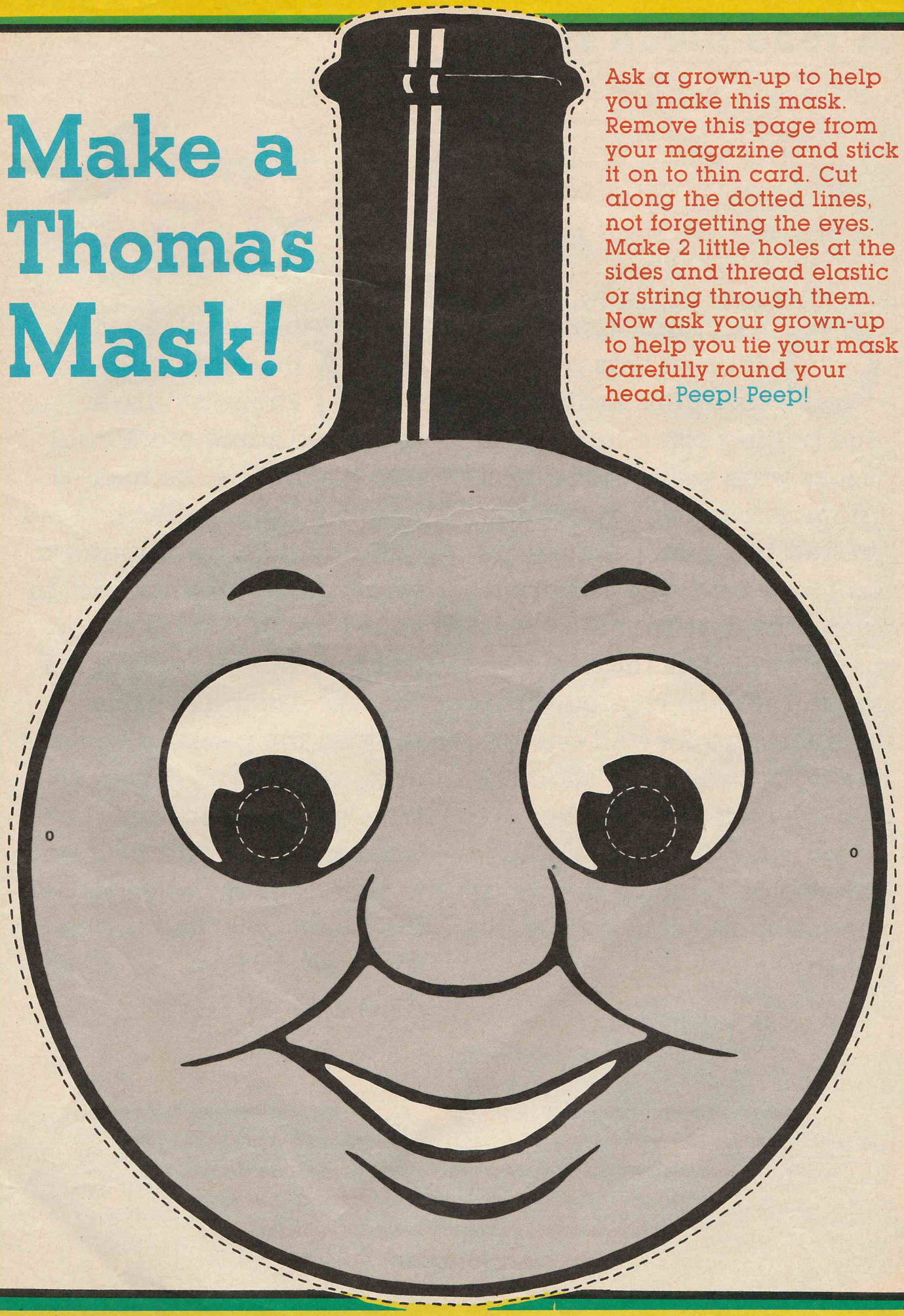
11. "Well done, Thomas. You were quick," said the Fat Controller. "Henry, Gordon and James are sulking. They say they won't shunt like Common Tank Engines. So I have shut them up. I want you and Edward to run the line for a while. Percy will help you too." "Common tank engines indeed," snorted Thomas. "We'll show them."

12. Thomas and Edward worked the main line, greeting each other as they passed by. Percy puffed along the branch line. The passengers didn't mind that there were fewer trains. They knew the three other engines were having a lesson. Gordon, James and Henry were cold and miserable. They wished they hadn't been so silly.

Turn to page 13 to see what happens!

Make a Thomas Mask!

Ask a grown-up to help you make this mask. Remove this page from your magazine and stick it on to thin card. Cut along the dotted lines, not forgetting the eyes. Make 2 little holes at the sides and thread elastic or string through them. Now ask your grown-up to help you tie your mask carefully round your head. Peep! Peep!

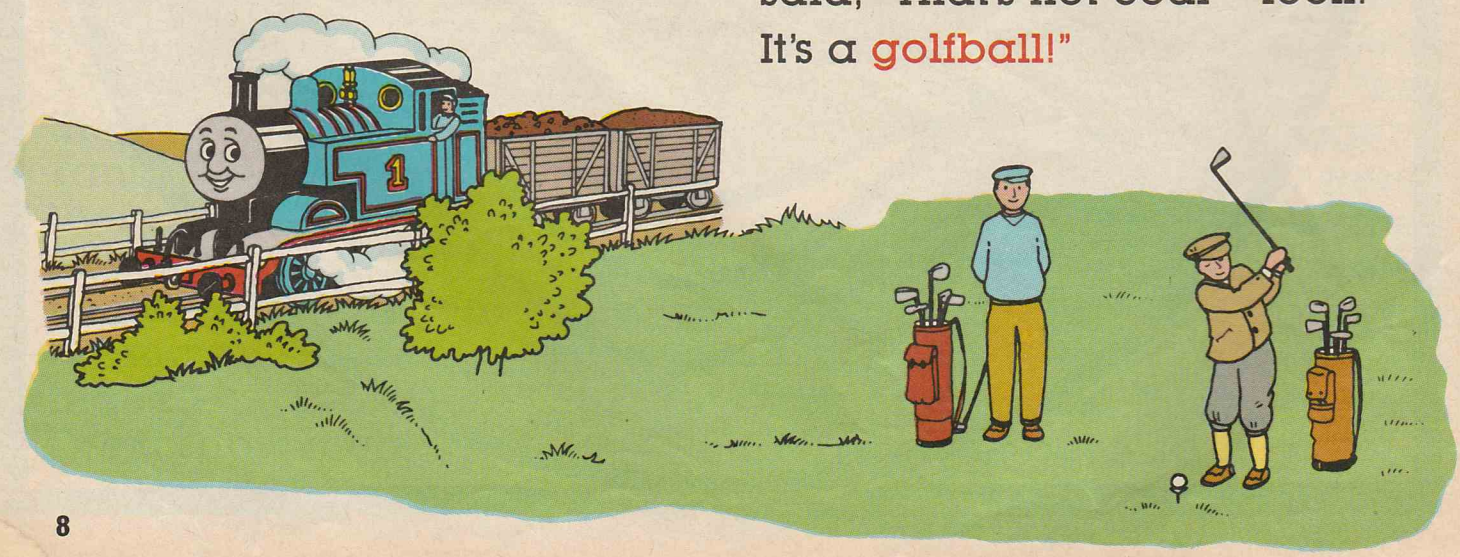


A read-aloud story!

The Golfers

One bright, sunny day Thomas was puffing along his branch line pulling some trucks. The trucks were being good and Thomas felt very happy. He passed two men practising golf in a field. They stopped and waved at Thomas. "Peep peep!" whistled Thomas in reply. The men carried on with their game and one of them hit a very bad shot. The ball flew off towards the railway but by now Thomas and his driver were watching the track and did not see it.

When they reached the main line Thomas's driver shovelled some more coal into his firebox. He had nearly finished when he said, "What's this? I have found a small piece of white coal in your bunker, Thomas!" Gordon arrived pulling the express. Thomas's driver showed the piece of white coal to Gordon's driver. The Fat Controller was on Gordon's train and he came to have a look. When he saw the piece of white coal he said, "That's not coal – look! It's a golfball!"



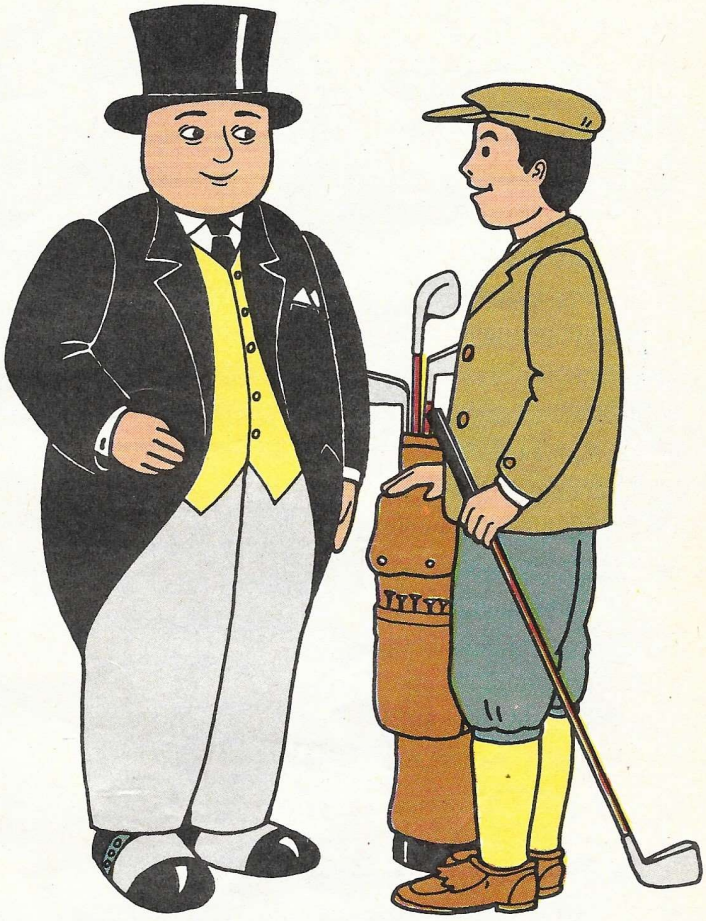
golfball

Just then a car stopped by the station and a man got out. He came towards Thomas and asked, "Excuse me – have you found a golfball by any chance?" He was very embarrassed.

"Indeed we have, sir," said the Fat Controller, "and I must say I do not like golfballs being hit at my engines. It was found in Thomas's coal bunker and so luckily did no harm."

"I'm terribly sorry," said the golfer. "I did not mean to hit the golfball towards the railway at all. I'm not very good at golf yet, you see. I often hit my golfballs into bunkers full of sand but never before have I hit one into a bunker full of coal."

The Fat Controller thought the golfer had said sorry very nicely and did not feel cross any more. "I have played golf a few times myself," he said. "Would you like to have a game one day?"



The two men began to talk about golf and became so interested that Gordon had to blow his whistle to remind the Fat Controller to get back on to the train!

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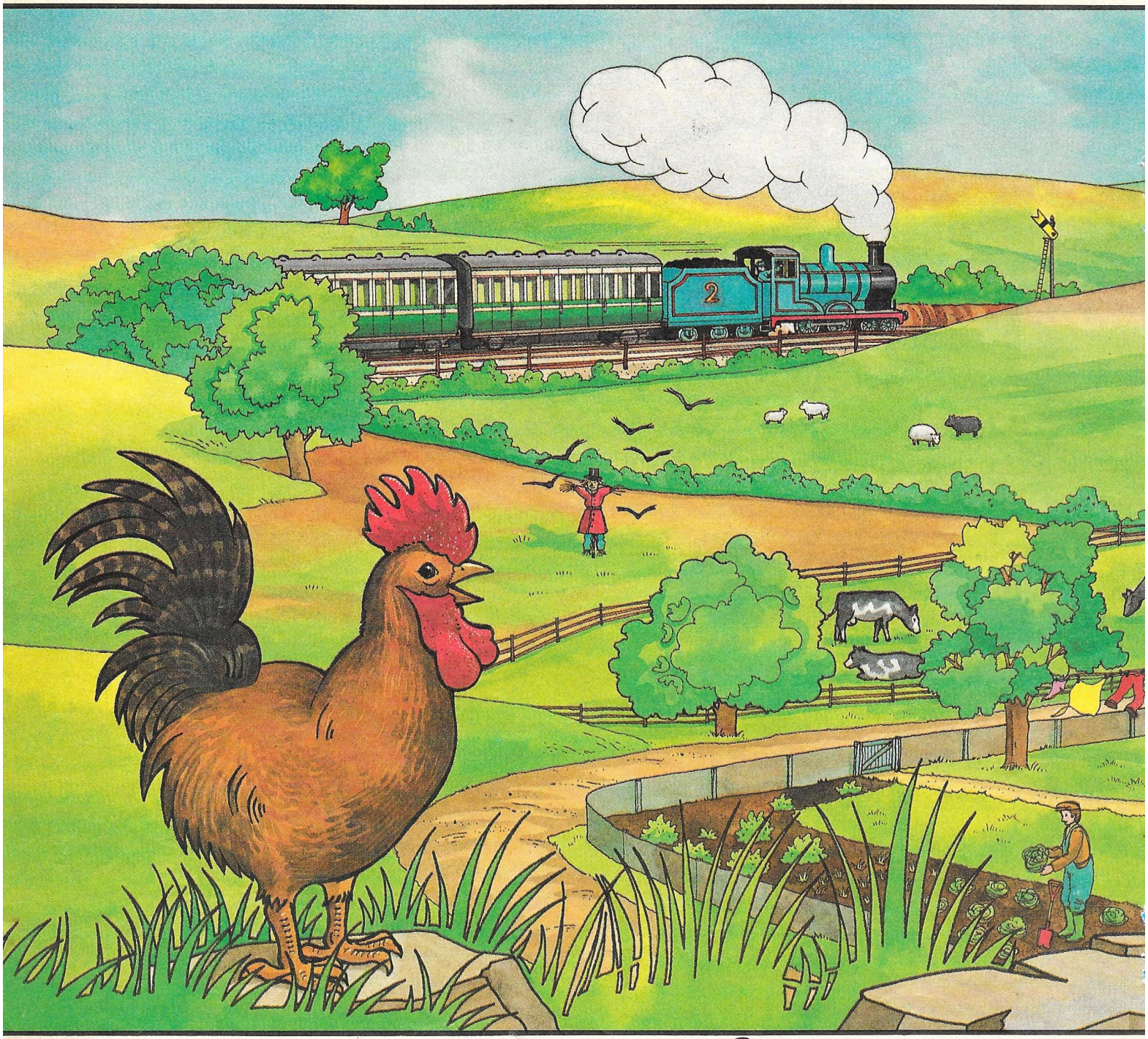

Which engine can you see?

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How many cows are there?

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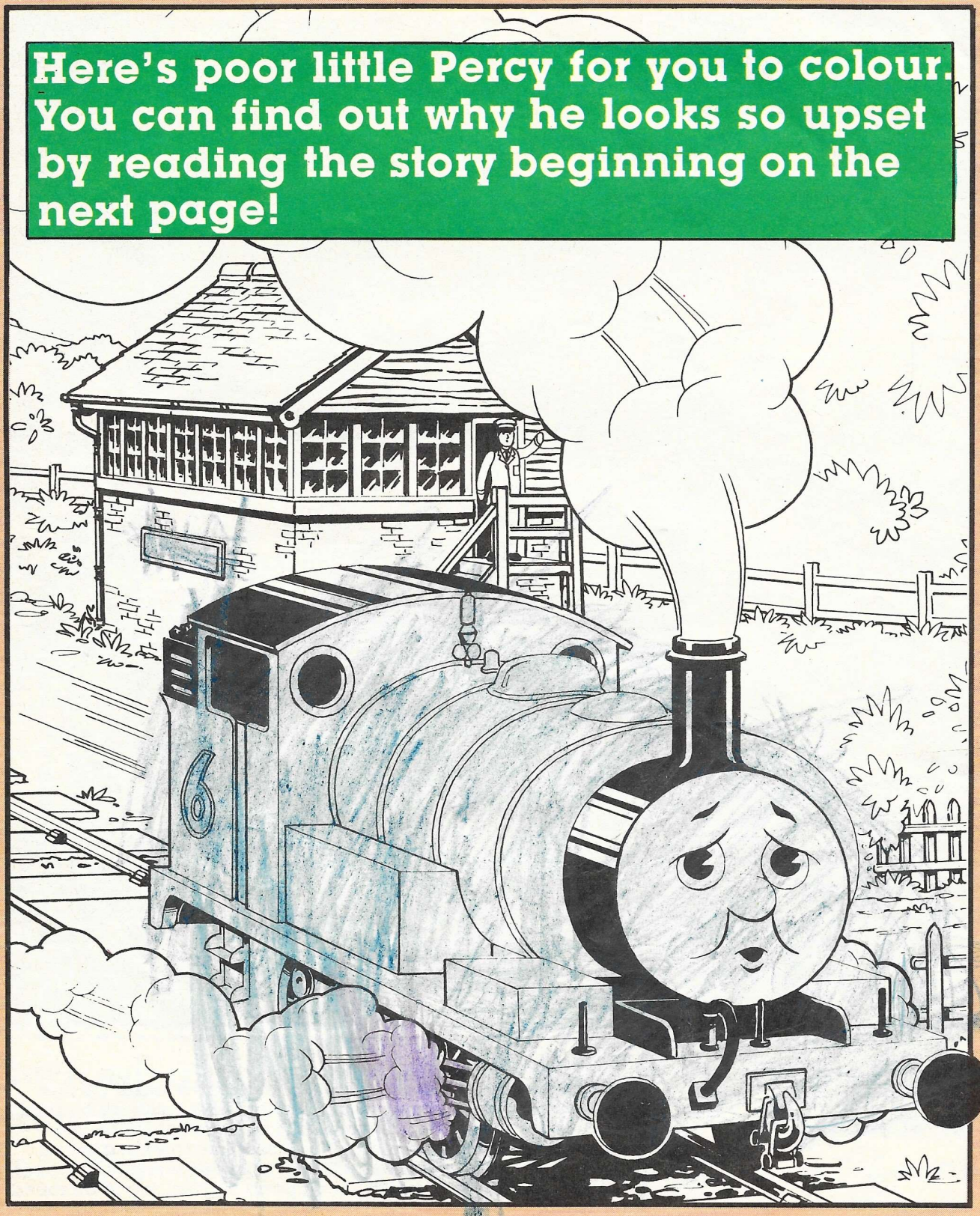
Note for parents

This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the magazine with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There is a 'mural page' in every issue of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends. Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room?

Next: By the little bay!

COLOURING TIME!

Here's poor little Percy for you to colour. You can find out why he looks so upset by reading the story beginning on the next page!



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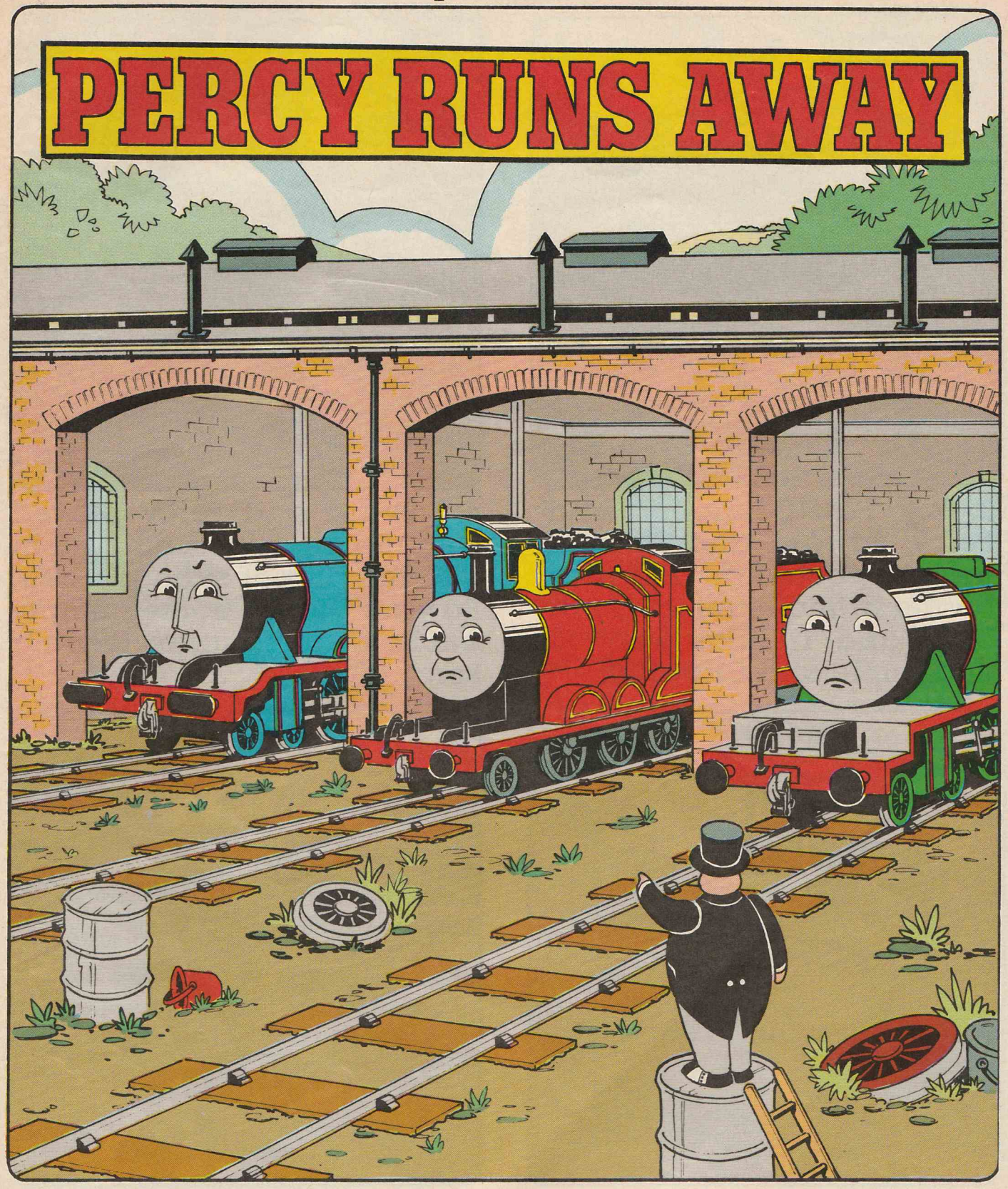
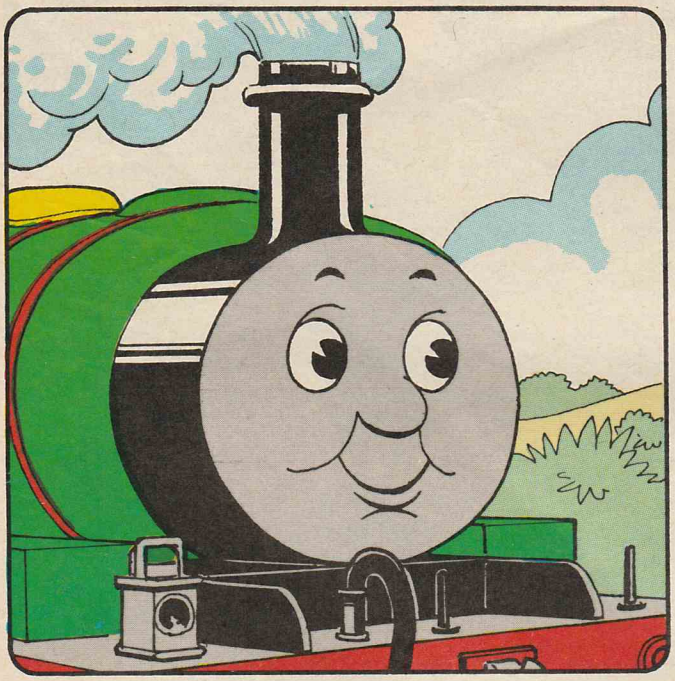


1. Henry, James and Gordon were miserable. They longed to be let out again. "I hope you are sorry," said the Fat Controller. "I will let you out if you promise to be good."

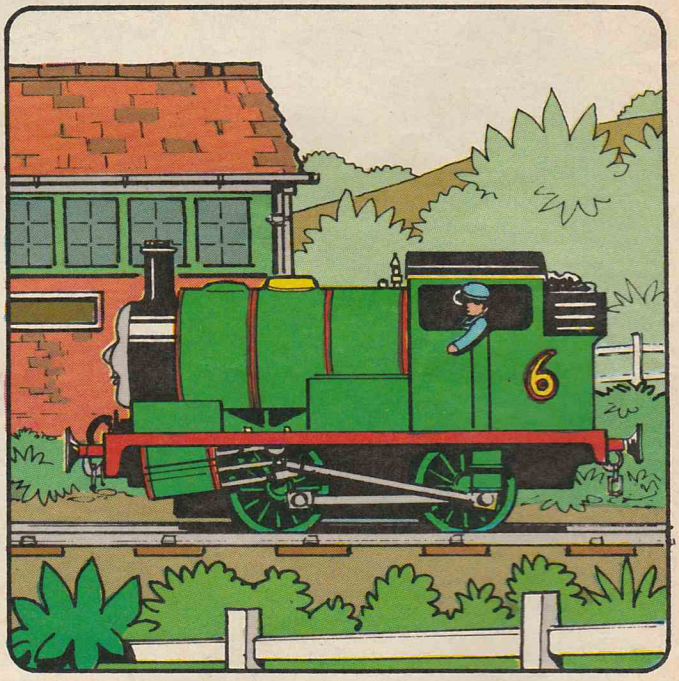
2. "Yes, we will, Sir," said the three engines. "That's right," said the Fat Controller. "But please don't forget, this no shunting nonsense must stop."

3. The Fat Controller told Percy, Edward and Thomas that they could go and play on the branch line for a few days and Thomas went to find Annie and Clarabel.

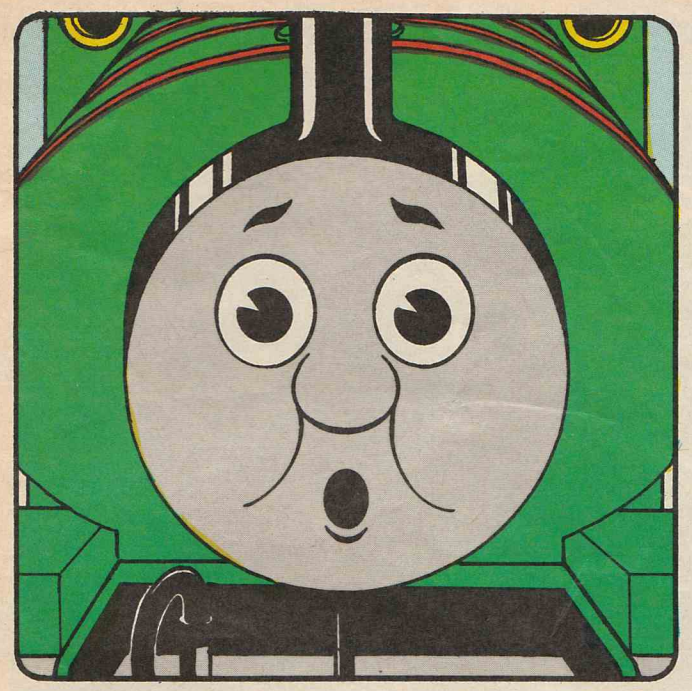
4. Edward and Percy played with the trucks, pushing them into the proper sidings. Then, Edward took some empty trucks to the Quarry leaving Percy alone.



5. Percy didn't mind. He liked watching trains and being cheeky to the other engines. But after a great deal of shunting he began to be rather careless.

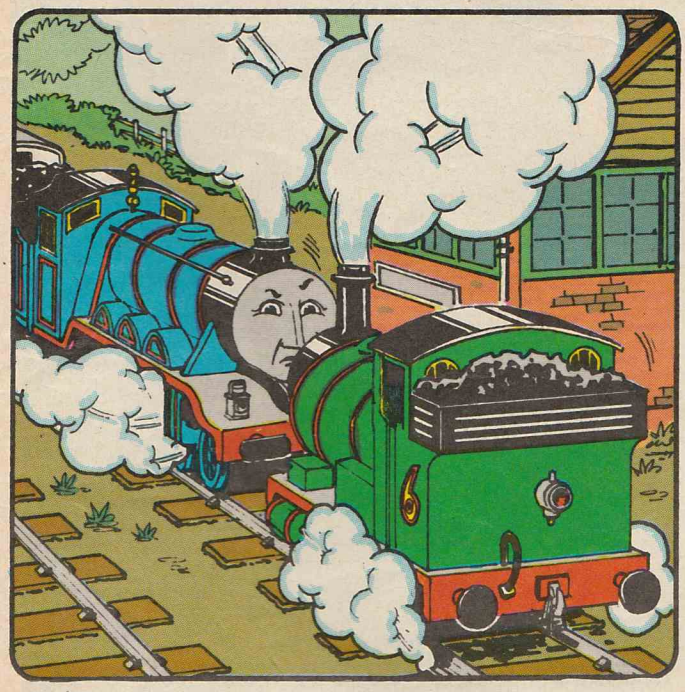


6. Percy was waiting for the signalman to set the points so that he could get back to the yard. But he didn't remember to whistle, so the busy signalman forgot him.



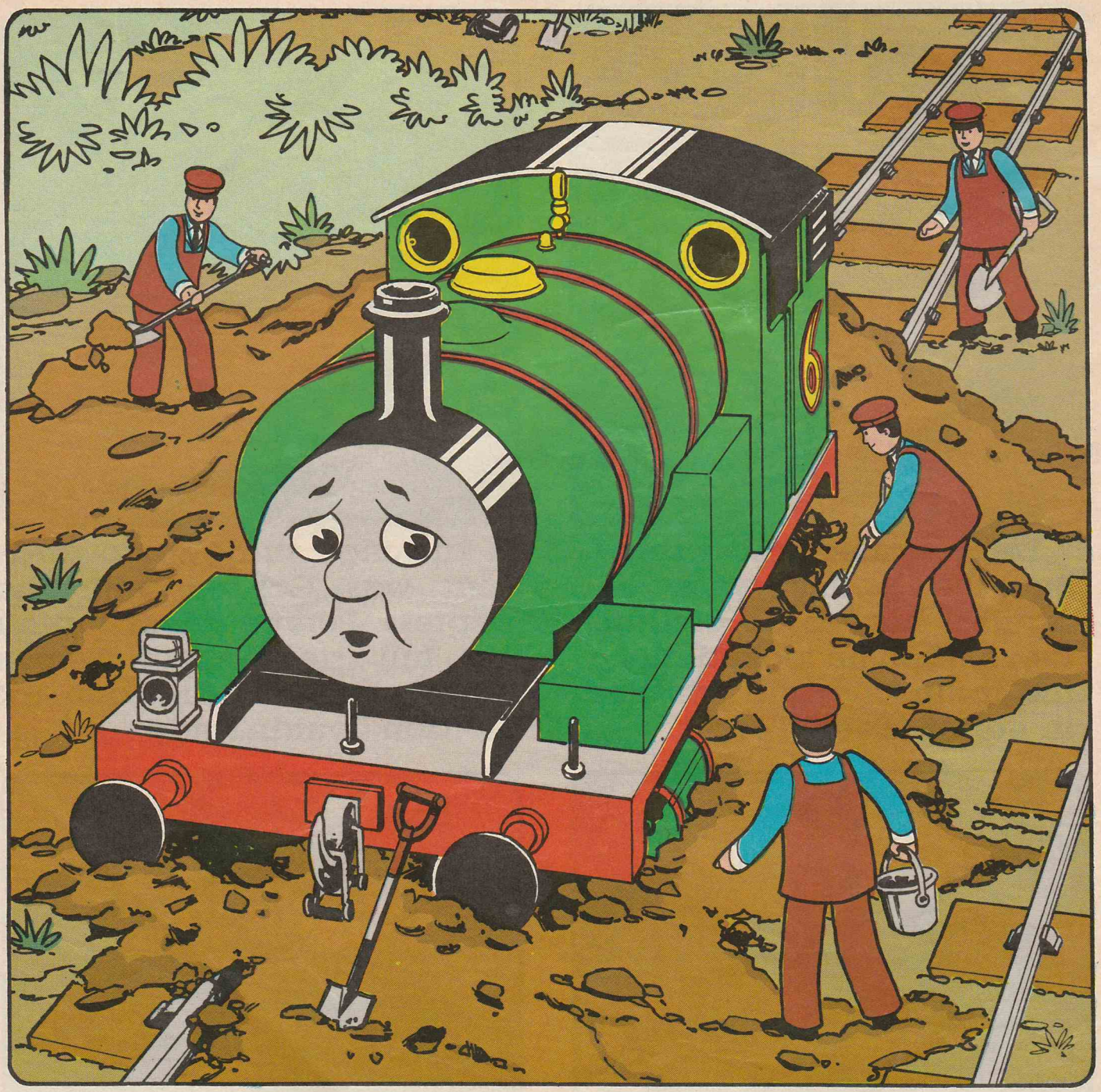
7. Percy waited and waited. But the points were still against him so he couldn't move. Then he looked along the main line and whistled in horror, "Peep! Peep!"

8. Rushing straight towards him was Gordon with the express. Percy's driver turned on full steam, but Percy's wheels wouldn't turn quickly. Gordon couldn't stop.



9. Percy waited for the big crash while his driver and fireman jumped out. Gordon groaned, "Oo-ooh!" and he stopped with Percy's buffers just inches from his own.

10. But Percy had begun to move. "I won't stay. I'll run away," he puffed. He went through Edward's station and right up Gordon's hill without stopping.



11. After that he was tired but he couldn't stop. He had no driver to shut off steam and apply the brakes. The man in the signal box saw Percy was in trouble so he set the points. Percy puffed wearily on to a nice empty siding ending in a big bank of earth. "Shhhhh...I have stopped, I have stopped," he puffed, thankful and tired.

12. The workmen started to dig Percy out. Presently Gordon arrived. "Well done, Percy," he said. "Starting so quickly stopped a nasty accident." "I'm sorry I was cheeky," said Percy. Then Gordon helped pull him out of the bank. Percy is still cheeky because he is that sort of engine but he's always careful on the main line.

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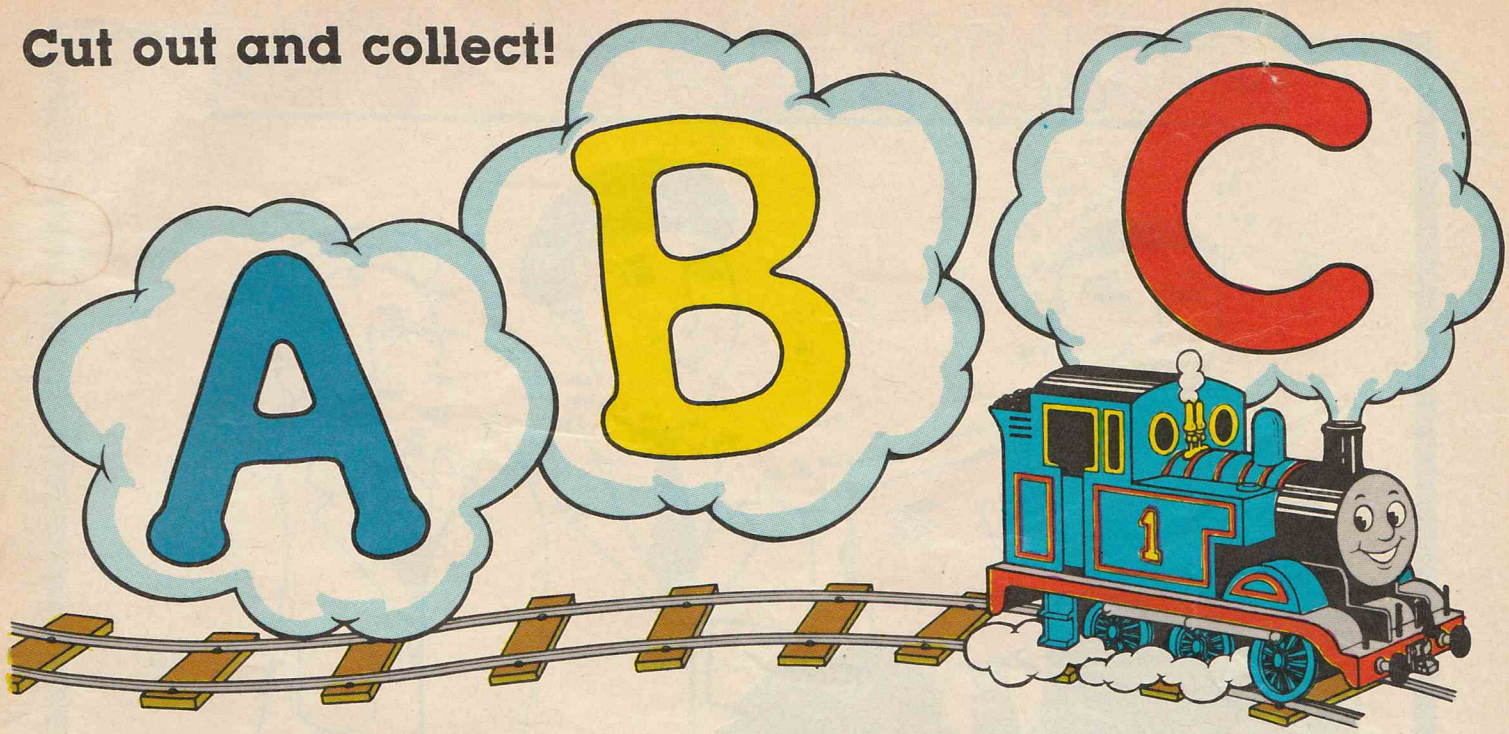
Cut out and collect!



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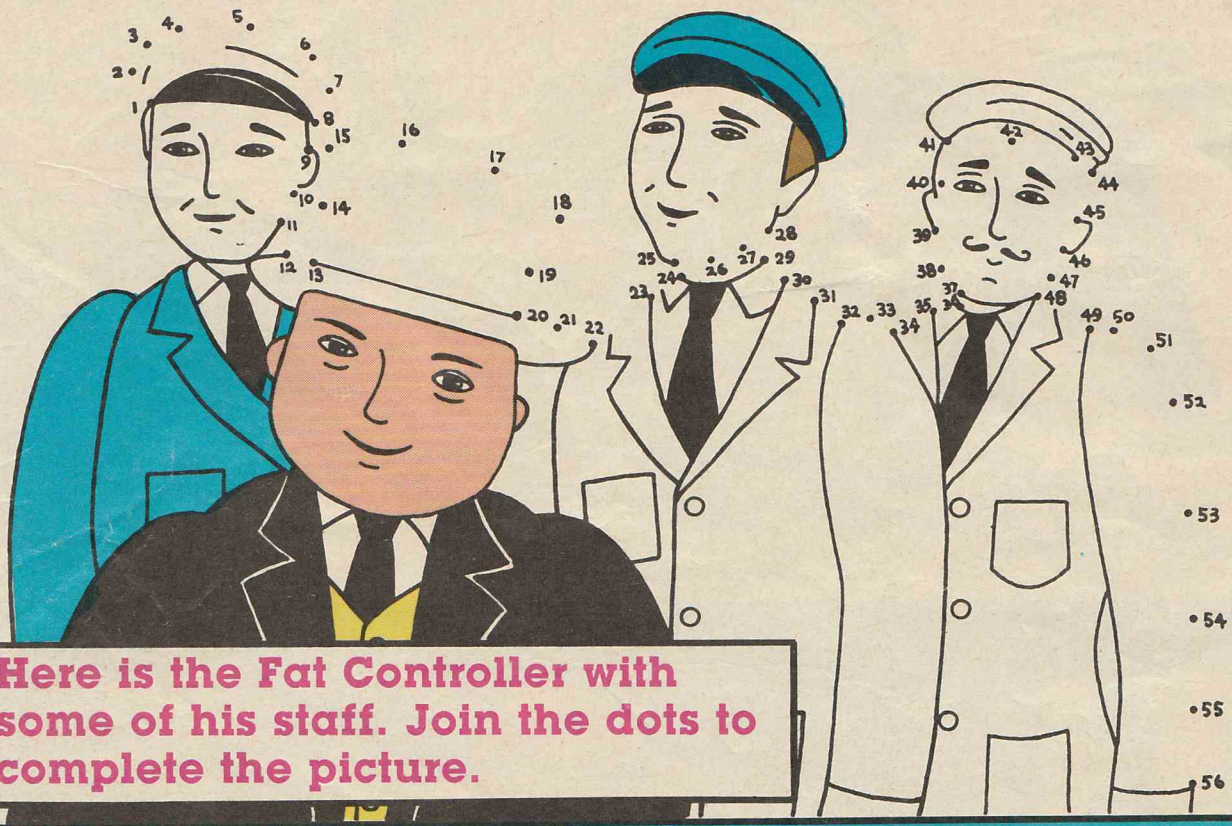

Here is the Fat Controller with some of his staff. Join the dots to complete the picture.

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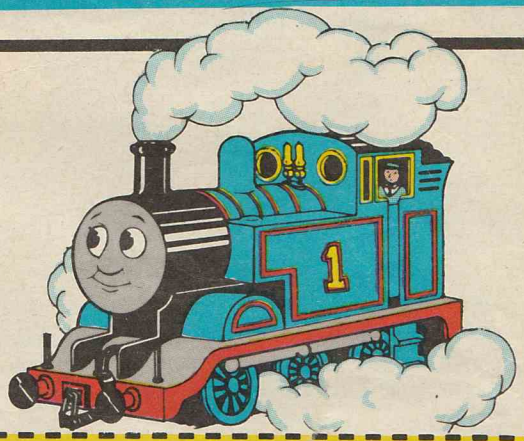

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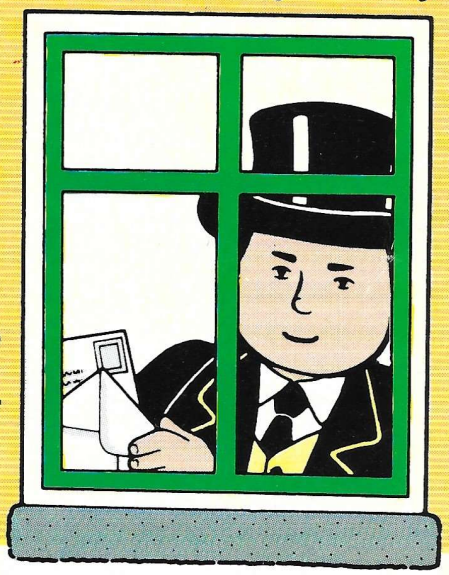

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below! I would be so pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,

Every day when I go to school I am Thomas and my Mum is the truck. I run and I pull her behind me.

Love from **Ross,** aged 3½.

I do hope you never bump your truck, Ross.

Ross wins a **Thomas the Tank Engine Mug,** from *Bluebird.*

REAL ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,

I live near the North Norfolk Railway. It has real steam engines running on it.

Love from **Gareth Clements,** aged 4.

Aren't you a lucky boy? You may watch the engines whenever you like. Have you been for a ride in one yet?

COMPETITION WINNERS!

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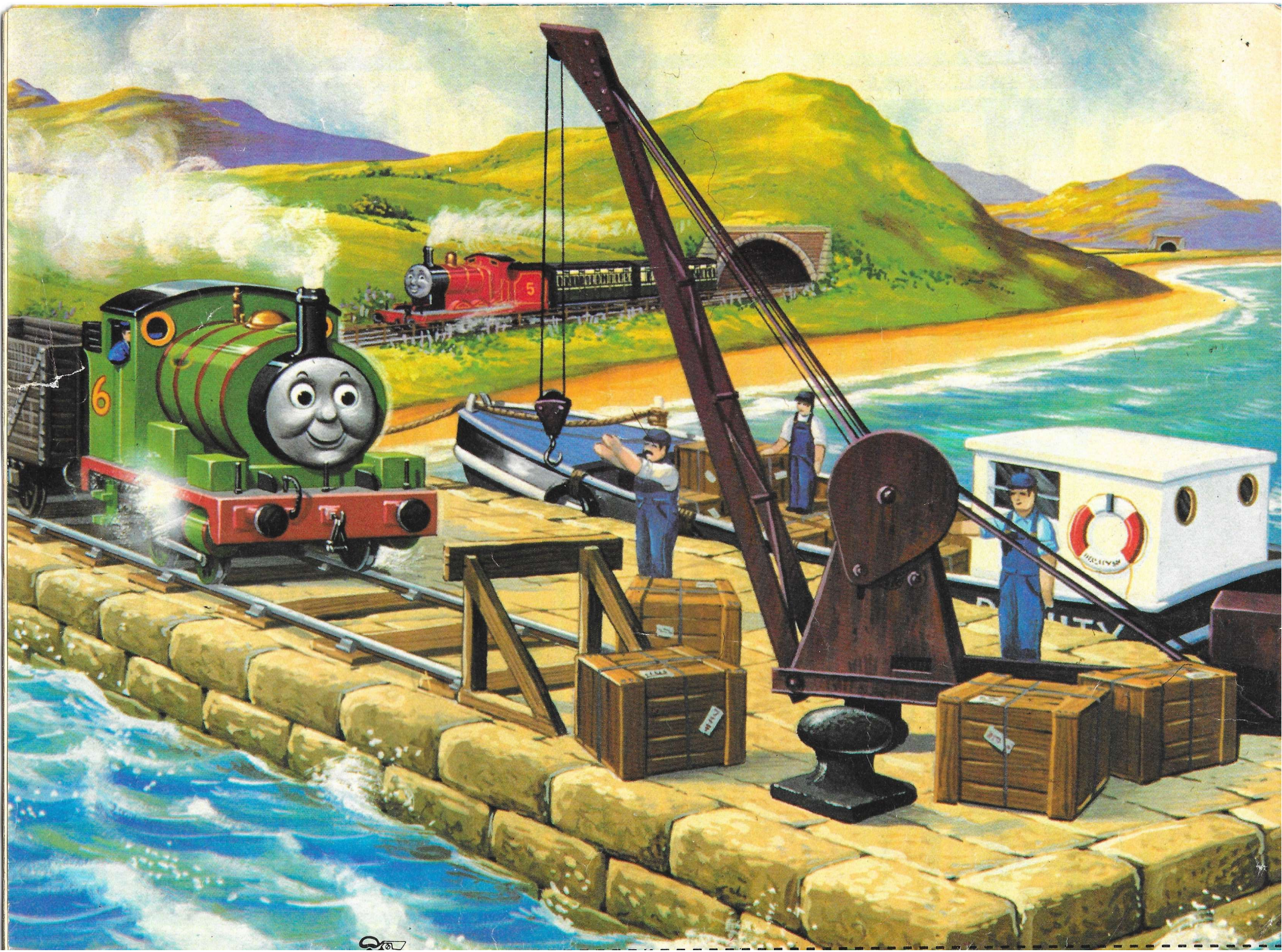
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